

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicle seat attachment latch assembly for securing and selectively releasing a member of a vehicle seat with respect to a member of a vehicle body, the vehicle seat attachment latch assembly comprising:

an attachment bracket that is attachable to one of said members;

a latch that is mounted on the attachment bracket for movement between: (a) a latched position where the latch captures a striker mounted on the other of said members to secure the vehicle seat with respect to the vehicle body; and (b) an unlatched position where the striker is released from the latch so the vehicle seat can be moved with respect to the vehicle body;

a latching wedge mounted on the latch for movement therewith and for ~~translational~~ movement with respect thereto, and the latching wedge having a wedge surface for contacting the striker when the latch is in its latching position; and

a resilient bias that biases the wedge surface of the latching wedge into wedging contact with the striker with the latch in its latching position to provide a rattle free attachment of the seat to the vehicle body.

2. (Original) A vehicle seat attachment latch assembly as in claim 1 wherein the latch has a pivotal connection for mounting thereof on the attachment bracket for pivotal movement between its latched and unlatched positions.

3. (Original) A vehicle seat attachment latch assembly as in claim 2 wherein the resilient bias comprises a spring that extends around the pivotal connection of the latch and has a first arm that extends to the latch and also has a second arm that extends to the latching wedge to provide the biasing of the wedge surface of the latching wedge into the wedging contact with the striker.

4. (Currently Amended) A vehicle seat attachment latch assembly as in claim 2 wherein the latch and the latching wedge include a pin and slot connection and a projection that cooperate to mount the latching wedge on the latch for ~~translational~~ movement with respect to the latch.

5. (Currently Amended) A vehicle seat attachment latch assembly as in claim 2 wherein the resilient bias comprises a spring that extends around the pivotal connection of the latch member and has a first arm that extends to the latch and also has a second arm that extends to the latching wedge to provide the biasing of the wedge surface of the latching wedge into the wedging contact with the striker, and wherein the latch and the latching wedge include a pin and slot connection and a projection that cooperate to mount the latching wedge on the latch for the ~~translational~~ movement with respect to the latch.

6. (Original) A vehicle seat attachment latch assembly as in claim 2 further including a locking pawl mounted on the attachment bracket for movement between a locking position for holding the latch in its latched position and a released position for releasing the latch for movement from its latched position to its unlatched position, and a spring that biases the locking pawl toward its locking position.

7. (Original) A vehicle seat attachment latch assembly as in claim 6 further including another pivotal connection that mounts the locking pawl on the attachment bracket for pivotal movement between its locking and released positions, and wherein the spring extends between the locking pawl and latch and also biases the latch toward its unlatched position.

8. (Original) A vehicle seat attachment latch assembly as in claim 1 further including another attachment bracket that is attachable to said one member to cooperate with the first mentioned attachment bracket to provide an attachment bracket assembly, each of the attachment brackets having a flange spaced from the flange of the other bracket, and the latch and latching wedge being mounted between the spaced flanges of the attachment brackets.

9. (Currently Amended) A vehicle seat attachment latch assembly for securing and selectively releasing a vehicle seat with respect to a vehicle body, the vehicle seat attachment latch assembly comprising:

an attachment bracket assembly including a pair of attachment brackets that are attachable to the vehicle seat, and each attachment bracket having a flange spaced from the flange of the other attachment bracket;

a latch;

a pivotal connection that is pivotally mounts the latch on the attachment bracket assembly between the flanges of the pair of attachment brackets for pivotal movement between:

(a) a latched position where the latch captures a striker mounted on the vehicle body to secure the vehicle seat with respect to the vehicle body; and (b) an unlatched position where the striker is released from the latch so the vehicle seat can be moved with respect to the vehicle body;

a latching wedge mounted on the latch for movement therewith and for ~~translational~~ movement with respect thereto, and the latching wedge having a wedge surface for contacting the striker when the latch is in its latching position;

a first spring that extends around the pivotal connection of the latch and has a first arm that extends to the latch and also has a second arm that extends to the latching wedge to provide biasing of the wedge surface of the latching wedge into wedging contact with the striker with the latch in its latched position to provide a rattle free attachment of the seat to the vehicle body;

a locking pawl pivotally mounted on the attachment bracket assembly between the flanges of the pair of attachment brackets for movement between a locking position for holding the latch in its latching position and a released position for releasing the latch for movement from its latched position to its unlatched position; and

a second spring that biases the locking pawl toward its locking position.

10. (Currently Amended) A vehicle seat attachment latch assembly for securing and selectively releasing a vehicle seat with respect to a vehicle body, the vehicle seat attachment latch assembly comprising:

an attachment bracket assembly including a pair of attachment brackets that are attachable to the vehicle seat, and each attachment bracket having a flange spaced from the flange of the other attachment bracket;

a latch;

a pivotal connection that is pivotally mounts the latch on the attachment bracket assembly between the flanges of the pair of attachment brackets for pivotal movement between: (a) a latched position where the latch captures a striker mounted on the vehicle body to secure the vehicle seat with respect to the vehicle body; and (b) an unlatched position where the striker is released from the latch so the vehicle seat can be moved with respect to the vehicle body;

a latching wedge having a wedging surface;

a pin and slot connection and a projection that cooperate to mount the latching wedge on the latch for ~~translational~~ movement with respect to the latch;

a first spring that extends around the pivotal connection of the latch and has a first arm that extends to the latch and also has a second arm that extends to the latching wedge to provide biasing of the wedge surface of the latching wedge into wedging contact with the striker to provide a rattle free attachment of the seat to the vehicle body;

a locking pawl pivotally mounted on the attachment bracket assembly between the flanges of the pair of attachment brackets for movement between a locking position for holding the latch in its latching position and a released position for releasing the latch for movement from its latched position to its unlatched position; and

a second spring that extends between the locking pawl and the latch to bias the locking pawl toward its locking position and to also bias the latch toward its unlatched position.